

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow City Council held on August 10, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. in the main hall of the Winslow Visitor's Center, 523 West Second Street, Winslow, Arizona.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Cano, Councilmember Boyd, Councilmember Cake,
Councilmember Crisp, Councilmember MacLean, Councilmember Nelson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Jackson

STAFF:

John Barkley City Manager, Trish Stuhan City Attorney, Suzy Wetzel City Clerk, David Coolidge Assistant City Manager, Elias Jouen Finance Director, Ken Arend Police Chief, Ernie Cano Police Lieutenant, James Hernandez Fire Chief, Marshall Larsen Building Inspector, Linda Branch Administrative Assistant, Larrilynn Oso Administrative Assistant

Mayor Cano called the meeting to order. The Pledge was given and the Invocation was offered by Councilmember Boyd. Roll call was taken and Councilmember Jackson was absent. Motion: Moved by Councilmember Boyd, seconded by Councilmember Cake, to excuse the absent member. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, Cake, Crisp, MacLean and Nelson voting yes.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Maree McHue spoke regarding the invocation that is offered at council meetings and requested that the Council consider diverse, all-inclusive invocations in the future. Mayor Cano stated that she would like to direct staff to look into having a moment of silence at the meetings. The City Attorney reminded the Council that the topic is not on the agenda for discussion at tonight's meeting but it can be placed on a future agenda for consideration.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

A. Current Events and Announcements

Councilmember Crisp stated that she is working on a report to recap topics that were presented at the Rural Policy Forum.

Mayor Cano announced that a showing of Top Gun is scheduled for this Saturday (August 14th) at the airport hangar with a performance by Easy Street prior to the movie. Mayor Cano responded to a question

from Councilmember Crisp regarding whether or not concessions would be available.

After providing information regarding the Community Celebration scheduled for August 21st from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., Mayor Cano read a note that she received from Winslow resident Ida Hunt who will turn 103 on August 15th.

B. Future Agenda Items

Councilmember Crisp requested that Arizona@Work be invited to a future meeting to provide information to local business owners regarding how they can fill empty staff positions.

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS

A. Comments from the Arizona Accreditation Program Representatives Regarding the Police Department's Recent Accreditation

Due to the absence of the representatives from ALEAP, the Police Chief provided information regarding the accreditation process that included an internal department assessment that took approximately two years to complete with the assistance of other city departments.

B. Quarterly Chamber Report Which May Include Visitor Center Statistics, Bed Tax Financial Information and Past/Future Event Updates

Bob Hall, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, provided his report for the period April – July 2021. The report included the number of visitors for the period, as well as the number of travel and relocation packs distributed, the number of brochures printed, website hits totaling 41,162 and tourism related emails received. Mr. Hall stated that beginning with this report, he will be providing information regarding the number of events that are held at the Visitor's Center noting that the room was reserved a total of 44 times during this reporting period.

Mr. Hall also provided information regarding the Chamber Board Retreat, the recent Good Morning Winslow Event, the Governor's Conference on Tourism and the Taste of Winslow event.

In closing, Mr. Hall announced that there are five new Chamber members. Councilmember Crisp also commented on the positive relationship that the City of Winslow has with the Chamber.

STATUS REPORTS**A. Verbal Status Report on Current City Activities by City Manager Which May Include Highlights of Various City Department Activities**

The following reports were provided under the City Manager's Status Report:

After commenting on the possibility of a Live Cam at Standin' on the Corner that would function 24/7, the City Manager commented on the following items:

- Details of the FY 21/22 Property Tax Levy that was approved by the Council on August 2nd
- Interviews for the Economic Development Director vacant position
- Update on CDBG funded LED Street Lighting Project
- Historic Preservation Commission's effort to have the airport hangar, terminal and beacon tower added to the National Register of Historic Places
- Local First Arizona Rural Policy Forum held on August 5th & 6th in Sahuarita
- Research by staff to address and enforce the issue of fireworks being set off on occasions other than traditional holidays
- Traffic calming devices and additional signage in the downtown area
- August 4th Good Morning Winslow event hosted by Mayor Cano/City of Winslow
- Potential new residential subdivision by a well-regarded development company from Flagstaff
- Status of the 4FRI initiative
- Opening of the Old Time Grille and Flat Bed Ford Restaurant
- Publication of Invitation to Bidders for street improvements
- Update on Mike's Pike West Improvements project
- Makeover of the Route 66 emblem using Route 66 Association grant funds
- Approval of Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act by the Senate that includes appropriations for planning and development costs for the Winslow Levee
- Through the Fence Agreement with Guardian Air with proposed Council approval date of September 13th

B. Monthly Financial Report by Finance Director Which May Include Balances, Expenditures and Revenues in All Funds and Various Sales Tax Comparisons by Category

The Finance Director provided a summary of his written report that was included in the packet showing balances, expenditures and revenues in the General Fund for the month of June 2021. The report included a comparison in General Fund Revenues to this time last year, as well as information regarding increases/decreases in City Sales Tax, Bed Tax, Vehicle Tax, Urban Revenue Sharing (Income Tax) and State Sales Tax.

The Finance Director further reported that Water, Sewer and Garbage Revenues are down compared to this time last year and highlighted various city sales tax revenues by category as provided by the Department of Revenue, including the Restaurant & Bars and Hotel/Motel additional taxes.

The Finance Director referred to the application submitted by the city for the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for Non-Entitlement Units of Local Government and advised that the city was awarded \$3.1 million on August 2nd. The Finance Director also reminded citizens that utility payments are due on August 23rd and late fees will be assessed for any payments received after that date.

There was a brief discussion regarding what the recovery funds can be used for and the City Attorney advised that specific questions regarding the use of ARPA (America Rescue Plan Act) funds would need to come back to the Council as an agenda item. The Finance Director stated that \$2.3 million of the funds were included in the fiscal year 21/22 budget for fire and police salaries and benefits.

C. Quarterly Report by Police Chief Which May Include Highlights from Divisions within the Police Department, Crime Statistics and Community Engagement

The Police Chief referred to his written report that was included in the packet and highlighted information related to the decrease in violent crimes, aggravated assaults and burglaries. The Police Chief discussed his concerns regarding the increase in thefts and responded to a question from Councilmember Crisp regarding the increase. The Police Chief also responded to a question from Mayor Cano regarding the status of hiring new officers. Mayor Cano stated that she feels an in-house recruiter would be beneficial with recruiting new employees.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Crisp requested that Item D be pulled for discussion. The City Manager stated that staff would like to table Item E and the City Attorney requested that Item C be pulled so that clarification regarding the agreement can be provided. Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Councilmember MacLean, to approve the Consent Calendar minus Items C & D and tabling Item E. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, Cake, Crisp, MacLean and Nelson voting yes.

- A. Discussion and/or Action to Approve the Check Register**
- B. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 27, 2021 and City Council Special Meeting of August 2, 2021**
- C. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City and Navajo County for Employment of the Magistrate Court Clerk**

The City Attorney provided clarification that the City Manager's recommendation for approval of this agreement is for the amount of \$42,827 to remain in compliance with the standing IGA which has a limit on increases that can take place. The City Manager stated that the agreement with Navajo County is for the services of the Magistrate Court Clerk on behalf of the city wherein it is not a new position. The City Manager also commented on the stipulation in the agreement that states that the fee will not be increased more than three percent in any one fiscal year.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Cano, seconded by Councilmember Nelson, to approve the IGA between the City and Navajo County in the amount of \$42,827. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, Cake, Crisp, MacLean and Nelson voting yes.

- D. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Ordinance No. 1368 Authorizing the Acquisition of Real Property Located at 104 East First Street in Winslow for Public Use**

After the City Manager responded to a question from Councilmember Crisp regarding the cost for acquisition of the property, which is \$16,582 and which is also negotiable, there was a brief discussion regarding the historical significance of the building.

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Crisp, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, to approve Ordinance No. 1368 authorizing the

acquisition of real property located at 104 East First Street. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd, Cake, Crisp, MacLean and Nelson voting yes.

E. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Ordinance No. 1371 Approving the Lease Agreement Between the City of Winslow and Josh Bolding for Property Identified as the Old Rodeo Grounds

The City Manager advised the Council that Mr. Bolding is interested in entering into a one-year lease with the city for the rodeo grounds, however it was recently discovered that there are additional parcels in the area that Mr. Bolding would like to include in the lease. The City Manager further advised that this item will be brought back to the Council once surveys are completed and a new lease price is determined.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Boyd Cake, Crisp, MacLean and Nelson voting yes.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow City Council held on August 10, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2021.

City Clerk